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ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT-CALIFORNIA RICE COMMISSION

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) received the Annual Monitoring Report (Annual Report) on 1 April 2005, which was submitted by the California Rice Commission (CRC) to meet the conditions of the Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) Order No. R5-2003-0839 for the CRC under Resolution No. R5-2003-0105.

The Water Board staff met with you in June 2005, and many of the comments that are in the Annual Report Review memorandum (attached) have already been discussed. This letter and attachment serve to formalize the comments on the Annual Report review including those that have been discussed previously with the CRC. The complete review by Water Board staff is attached, and these comments are summarized below.

The CRC will need to conduct the following in current and future monitoring events:

1. Submit the Annual Monitoring Report by 31 December of each year, as specified in Order No. R5-2003-0105.
2. Submit Communication Reports promptly whenever there are any exceedances of any water quality objective, including DO, pH, metals, and toxicity.
3. Resample sites promptly when results indicate toxicity or an exceedance of Basin Plan objectives such as pesticides or metals.
4. Collection of, documentation of, and reporting for field quality controls such as equipment blanks, field duplicates and matrix spike samples.
5. Conduct a series of dilutions (five dilutions) if toxicity results indicate less than 70% survival for on the same original laboratory sample in order to determine the magnitude of the toxicity.
6. Promptly conduct a Toxicity Identification Evaluation (TIE) on the same sample if results from the dilution series indicate a magnitude of 2 toxic units (2TU) or more.
7. Submit the results of Quality Control tests, as previously requested by Amanda Smith before 30 September 2005.

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The Water Board would like to recognize the extensive work involved in the production of the Annual Report, and would also like to thank the CRC for willing cooperation with Water Board staff. We are confident that continued improvement in collaboration will help protect water quality and ensure success for the coalition approach being utilized in the Irrigated Lands Conditional Waiver Program.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the review, or need any further information, please contact Amanda Smith at (916) 464-4716.

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Enc: Response to Review of Annual Monitoring Report - California Rice Commission

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